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Comment : The Morse code has been a tradition in Amateur Radio Service forever. The knowledge, skill and ability needed to perform this mode of communications is fundamental to the lower-level mode of communication, especially with other countries. The Morse mode brings the US closer to the less fortunate 3rd world. Amateurs should keep the code requirement, especially in the upper grades of licensing (Extra Class), or, develop another class that can only be obtained by having a 20wpm skill. If communication is the exclusive goal for an individual, then that person should simply make a phone call or send an e-mail. Removing the Morse Code requirement lowers a particular facet of communication and makes the Amateur Service bands more like our former 11 meter band - now known as Citizens Band (CB). CB'ers have no level of quality whatsoever and cannot be policed to any level by FCC.